

- (1) of issuing a Declaration emending Art. 11b to read, "The name must be either Latin or latinized or treated as such, or, if an arbitrary combination of letters, must be so constructed that it can be treated as a Latin word;
- (2) of issuing a Declaration to amend the Code Articles dealing with Declarations so that a Declaration may be both interpretive of, and amendment to, the Code.

9. Election.

Under the existing By-Laws of the Commission one-third of the seats on the Commission automatically fall vacant at the close of each Congress. Under this Rule the seats to be vacated were occupied by the following ten (10) Commissioners: do Amaral, Bradley, Vokes, Stoll, Holthuis, Key, Miller, Prantl, Kühnelt, Mayr.

After careful consideration the Commission nominated the following for election or re-election to the Commission by the Congress:

do Amaral, Vokes, Stoll, Holthuis, Miller, Mayr, Ride, Kraus, Hubbs, Sabrosky, Forest, Simpson.

The Commission did not hold election of officers, but postponed action until the new Constitution is in force.

10. Appreciation.

At the close of its meetings the Commission expressed greetings to its former Secretary, Mr. Francis Hemming, and, having heard of his recent illness, the hope that his recovery would be rapid and complete.

Commissioner Mayr, speaking on behalf of the Commission, expressed his immense gratitude to the retiring President, Professor J. Chester Bradley, for all he accomplished during his very difficult years of office. Commissioner Mayr's appreciation was received with acclamation.

Appendix I

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE

18 AUGUST 1963

The Committee was unanimously of the opinion that national representation was not a valid reason for election of a Commissioner, and that acceptance of such a basis would open the way to grave abuses. Commissioners should consider themselves representatives of science and not of nations, and representation of workers on different groups of animals is more important than representation of different nations. At the same time it is obviously undesirable that the Commission should be dominated by nationals of any one country or small group of countries. National representation should be taken into account only in this negative sense. There are wide differences in the activity of different countries both in zoology as a whole and in systematic zoology; it is therefore reasonable to expect that some countries will be more heavily represented on the Commission than others and that the proportion of such representation will change as the distribution of scientific activity changes. There is, however, no

simple and objective means of measuring the relative activity in zoology of different countries, nor is such activity necessarily exactly proportional to the number of individuals qualified for membership of the Commission. The Committee therefore agreed that a formula based, for example, on number of publications over a given period would not be a safe guide for deciding whether national representation on the Commission was in balance at any particular time.

The Committee accordingly recommends adoption of the following principles:

- (1) The primary criterion of membership in the Commission should not be nationality but should be competence in the field of nomenclature, or, in special cases, competence in some field of general zoology with a demonstrated working knowledge and understanding of the rules and problems of nomenclature. In particular, a retiring commissioner ought not automatically to be succeeded by one of the same nationality.
- (2) Subject to (1), the citizens of a single nation or of a small group of nations should not constitute a majority of the Commission.
- (3) Subject to (1), the membership of the Commission should represent a reasonable proportion of the nations contributing to the zoological literature and especially to that of systematic zoology.
- (4) Subject to previous provisions a nation contributing heavily to the zoological literature, and especially to that of systematic zoology, should in general have more members of the Commission than one contributing less.

(signed) L. B. HOLTHUIS
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EUGENE MUNROE (*Chairman*)

Appendix 2

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PARATAXA

Dear Dr. China:

In response to your letter of inquiry sent to me under the date of 20 June 1963, I submit to you herewith the original and a carbon of a "Report on the Proposal of Parataxa." This is entirely agreed to by committee members, Walton, Yochelson, and Moore, and not specifically voted against by committee member Sylvester-Bradley who (on 31 October 1962) said that the draft of the report seemed to him illogical in suggesting the "dual classification in nomenclature is unnecessary because of the highly subjective nature of synonymization." He recommended that Professor F. H. T. Rhodes (Swansea) should be co-opted as a member of the committee; this was not done.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) RAYMOND C. MOORE